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FROM: James A. Noyes
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QUARTERLY STATUS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SYSTEM REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS BOARD MOTION OF MAY 22, 2001, SYNOPSIS 31

The following provides a status report on implementation of the Solid Waste Collection System--Option Analysis Report as well as other related issues for the period of May 22, 2002, to August 22, 2002.

- Public Works, in concert with Supervisorial District 2, County Counsel, and the Registrar-Recorder, continues to work towards the formation of a Garbage Disposal District in the Lennox area. On June 12, 2002, the Local Agency Formation Commission adopted the Negative Declaration prepared for the District and approved the formation of the District. On August 14, 2002, LAFCO held a protest hearing to allow public comment on its June 12, 2002, decision. Since there were no public protests, LAFCO ordered the formation of the District subject to voter approval. On August 20, 2002, the Board called a special, mailed-ballot election to be held on October 22, 2002, in Lennox and authorized the Registrar-Recorder to conduct the election process.
- Public Works, in concert with the Department of Health Services and County Counsel, continues to coordinate efforts with the waste-hauling industry working group to implement the Report's recommendations in reference to the creation of non-exclusive franchises in selected County unincorporated areas. While progress has been made in developing a non-exclusive franchise agreement of mutual benefit, the industry remains concerned about some key provisions in improving customer service and AB 939 compliance requirements. Per Public Works' request, County Counsel has obtained outside legal counsel to expedite a resolution to this matter.

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- On March 19, 2002, the Los Angeles County Waste Management Association's attorney submitted a letter to Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke claiming that the County may need to issue a second, five-year notice to the haulers if it does not implement a new system of collection upon expiration of the initial five-year notice period (June 23, 2003). County Counsel has advised that State law does not support this claim.

Consistent with your Board's instructions, we will provide our next status report on these activities by November 21, 2002.

If you have any questions, you may contact me or your staff may contact Mr. Don Wolfe, Assistant Director, at (626) 458-4014, or Mr. Mike Mohajer, Assistant Deputy Director, at (626) 458-3500.

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